

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 6, 2004

FROM: **PATTI AGUIAR**, Fourth District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT: AB 2222 (KORETZ) - ANTHONY FARR AND STACY BECKETT BOATING
SAFETY ACT OF 2004**

RECOMMENDATION: Support in concept AB 2222 (Koretz), the Anthony Farr and Stacy Beckett Boating Safety Act of 2004, and direct the County's legislative team to work with the bill's sponsors to pursue balanced measures to enhance boating safety without imposing undue cost or burden upon stakeholders.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In July 2000, Stacy Beckett of Ontario died while recreating behind a boat. Her family, along with another family that suffered a similar loss, is championing AB 2222 (Koretz) to prevent further deaths by better educating the public about the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) produced by boat engines.

If approved as introduced, AB 2222, the Anthony Farr and Stacy Beckett Boating Safety Act of 2004, would require education about the dangers of being overcome by CO at the rear of a boat to be incorporated into all state-sponsored and state-approved boating safety courses. It would also require warning stickers to be affixed inside boats so that they are visible to drivers and on the rear of the boat so they are visible to passengers and swimmers.

The proposed law would also prohibit motorboat operators from running or idling a boat engine while a person is sitting or holding on to the rear of a boat or in the water within 20 feet of the rear of a boat. A violator could be fined up to \$100.

The bill also urges boat manufacturers to voluntarily launch a nationwide public awareness campaign and to dramatically reduce CO emissions from boat engines.

The Assembly Transportation Committee is scheduled to hear this bill on Monday, April 19.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by Bob Page, interim Director of Legislative Affairs on April 1, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: At present, the Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement activities in designated waterways; the provisions of this proposed legislation would not impose additional cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

PRESENTER: Patti Aguiar, 4th District Supervisor (387-4866)

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